

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A barrier unit for mounting on a road traffic control upright comprising:

a tape cartridge, hollow to define a tape storage cavity, a spindle rotatably mounted in the tape storage cavity having tape wound thereon, a deploying aperture in the tape cartridge through which at least a leading edge of tape projects externally, to allow the tape in use to be dispensed therefrom by unwinding from the spindle, a receiving means on the tape cartridge to engagingly receive a leading edge of tape from another like cartridge in use, mounting means associated with a lower part of the cartridge to mount the tape cartridge on or about an upper part of a road traffic control upright, the mounting means comprising a tapered tubular lower portion shaped to co-operably engage around an upper portion of the upright in an interference fit.

2. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the mounting means are adapted to engage the uppermost part of the road traffic upright in the interference fit.

3. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 2 wherein the tubular lower portion comprises flexibly resilient material and/or is slotted such as to be

resiliently deformable as the cartridge is pushed onto the upper portion of the upright to effect the interference fit.

4. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tape comprises an elongate thin flexible strip of material.

5. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tape is comprised of material and/or provided with a surface pattern or surface layer of material incorporating suitable hazard warning markings or information.

6. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tape comprises or incorporates a reflective surfaced material so as to be readily illuminated by reflection for safety at night.

7. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein means are provided to facilitate restorage of the tape after use from a dispensed configuration to a stored configuration wound upon the spindle.

8. (original): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the spindle comprises spring biasing means acting on the spindle to tend to urge the spindle to rotate in a direction which would tend to rewind the tape into the stored configuration.

9. (original): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 7 or Claim 8 wherein releasable locking means are provided to lock the spindle into position when the tape is dispensed a predetermined amount.

10. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein the tape leading edge has a connecting portion to be engagingly received in receiving means of a cartridge of a second cartridge, which connecting portion comprises a rigid projecting portion, and which receiving means comprises an apertured receiving means.

11. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with claim 1 wherein a plurality of receiving means are provided disposed radially around the cartridge.

12. (previously presented): A road traffic control upright to serve as a road barrier comprising a tape dispenser in accordance with claim 1 engaged upon and/or about an uppermost part thereof.

13. (previously presented): A temporary road traffic barrier comprising at least one road traffic control upright and mounting tape cartridge(s) in accordance with claim 1 mounted upon at least one such upright, wherein tape is deployed therefrom extending to a receiving means on another cartridge and/or on equivalent receiving means on an alternative fixed location.

14. (currently amended): A barrier in accordance with Claim 13 comprising a plurality of road traffic control uprights on at least some of which are mounted said cartridges, with tape deployed therefrom and extending between at least some of ~~the said dispenser~~ cartridges.

15. (currently amended): The use of one or more cartridges in accordance with claim 1 in conjunction with one or more temporary deployed road traffic control uprights, to form a temporary deployable barrier.

~~the mounting means comprising a tubular lower portion shaped to co-operably engage an upper portion of the upright in an interference fit.~~

16. (currently amended): A method of forming a barrier which comprises the steps of: providing at least one road traffic control upright; mounting a tapered tubular lower portion of a tape cartridge around an upper outer portion of said at least one upright in an interference fit; dispensing tape from said tape cartridge; engaging a leading edge of the dispensed tape from the cartridge to a receiving means on another such cartridge and/or to an equivalent receiving means on an alternative fixed location.

17. (previously presented): A method in accordance with Claim 16 wherein there is provided at least one terminating mounting unit for mounting on a fixed structure and including a receiving means identical to said receiving means, and the method includes engaging the leading

edge of the dispensed tape from at least one of said cartridges to the receiving means on said at least one terminating mounting unit.

18. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the road traffic control upright is a traffic cone, such that the mounting means is adapted to flexibly deform around the outer portion of the traffic cone as the barrier unit is pressed into place.

19. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the road traffic control upright is a triangularly shaped traffic control device, such that the mounting means is adapted to flexibly deform around the outer portion of the triangularly shaped traffic control device as the barrier unit is pressed into place.

20. (previously presented): A barrier unit in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the barrier unit has an upper portion with a first diameter and the mounting means has a second diameter larger than the first diameter.

21. (previously presented): A method in accordance with Claim 16 wherein the road traffic control upright is a traffic cone, and the mounting means flexibly deforms around the outer portion of the traffic cone as the barrier unit is pressed into place.

22. (previously presented): A method in accordance with Claim 16 wherein the road traffic control upright is a triangularly shaped traffic control device, and the mounting means

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flexibly deforms around the outer portion of the triangularly shaped traffic control device as the barrier unit is pressed into place.